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going to be talking about is the purpose of this bill as originally introduced and as it is now. Last year, and Senator Schimek is here and will verify this, I asked Senator Schimek as to the purpose. I told her what my amendments were about and some of those amendments are still on your screen. They're not part of this. We're talking about it, AM1055 and AM1597. Senator Schimek informed me that if those amendments were successful she was going to pull this bill, but this bill wasn't about abortion. Now it is about abortion and it's about abortion services and that is the basis of my opposition to the original bill, although it was also, I believe, a redundancy in government. But the basis of it is my opposition to the so-called, the euphemism, pro-choice. This is about abortions. The "allows", nothing in Sections 1 through 7 allows them to accept money and pass it on to other organizations. partnership that Senator Schimek mentioned at the very beginning of this discussion, that's what it's about. This ties in directly with parts three and four ...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...and, in discussing this, it's hard not to get into questions three and four, but we'll...we'll just stay with this. They can't take money and pass it on to someone else, the private partnerships or the state-private partnerships that Senator Schimek referred to. That's really all that I have to say, but here I can continue the tap dance probably as long as anybody else, but I ask you to bear that in mind when you're thinking about this and later on when you're voting about this. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Tyson, read my lips. This bill is not about abortion. And I would ask you how many of the meetings, when this bill was being written and developed, that you sat in on. I don't know how you can get up here and tell people that this bill is about abortion when you weren't even there when it was being developed. I have to tell you that I have a staff person who worked very, very hard on this bill and she is just about as pro-life as you can get, and I think she would be very upset to